

The Forest Service is proposing to issue new special use permits to the holders of expired and soon-to-expire authorizations for existing uses of National Forest System land. These permits have been grouped together for reissuance purposes for the following reasons:

- The uses of National Forest System land authorized by these permits have been in place for an average of over 20 years, and have no history of issues.
- There are no changes proposed to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities.
- The holders are in compliance with the terms of their past authorizations.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The authorizations to be reissued include the following:

<b>Type of Use</b>	<b>Authorization Holder</b>
Wynoochee Patrol Cabin	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Water Storage Tank	Grays Harbor County Fire Protection District #4
Seismic Research Stations	U.S. Geological Survey
Private Road (Driveway)	Bob and Donna Steinbrugge
Private Road (Driveway)	Charles and Wanda Collins
Private Road (Logging Spurs)	Green Diamond Resource Company
Private Road (Logging Spurs)	Rayonier, Inc.
Private Road and Waterline	Mertes Peterson
Public Waterline	Mason County Public Utility District #1
Private Waterline	David Christiansen
Private Waterline	Dolores Fritz

### Wynoochee Patrol Cabin – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Washington State Department of Game (now Department of Fish and Wildlife) was authorized in 1969 to construct and use a cabin near Satsop Guard Station for administrative use by State game agents while conducting overnight game violation patrols in the Lake Wynoochee area. The cabin is located in the SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 27, Township 22 North, Range 7 West, Willamette Meridian (W.M.), Grays Harbor County. The most recent permit was issued in 2000 and expired on December 31, 2009.

The existing improvements include a two-story metal-roofed A-frame cabin with a footprint of approximately 40 feet by 20 feet, and a small second-story deck and staircase. The cleared area surrounding the cabin includes a driveway, two parking areas and a fire pit. Electricity is provided by Grays Harbor County PUD by a buried powerline, and the cabin is connected to the Forest Service's water system that serves the Satsop Center. There is no telephone service. The cabin is used by Department of Fish and Wildlife staff, Sheriff's deputies, and others for administrative uses such as overnight patrols and wildlife studies. Access to the cabin from

milepost (MP) 33.6 of Grays Harbor County's Wynoochee Valley Road is over Forest Service Roads 2270 (0.1 mile), 23 (0.9 mile), and 2372 (0.7 mile).

Issuance of a standard special use permit (FS-2700-4) is planned, with a term of 20 years. No changes in authorized operations or facilities are proposed, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is in compliance with the terms of its past permits. The permit area is described as an area of land 100 feet by 100 feet, equaling 0.23 acre. Annual land use fees will continue to be waived per federal regulation at 36 CFR 251.57(b)(1).

#### Water Storage Tank – Grays Harbor Fire Protection District #4

The water storage tank was constructed by Grays Harbor County Fire Protection District #4 in 1993 to provide a source of water for fighting structural fires in the Quinault valley. The tank is located in the SW1/4 Section 10, Township 23 North, Range 9 West, W.M., Grays Harbor County, near the Norwood Barn. The most recent permit was issued in 2009 and expired on December 31, 2014.

The 10,000-gallon tank is a cylindrical metal container 8 feet in diameter and 32 feet long supported by a wooden framework. The tank is maintained and filled by the Fire District volunteers. Access to the tank is over the Forest Service's road to the Norwood Barn site, and is secured by a gate with both Forest Service and permit holder locks.

Issuance of a standard special use permit (FS-2700-4) is planned, with a term of 10 years. No changes in authorized operations or facilities are proposed, and Grays Harbor Fire Protection District #4 is in compliance with the terms of its past permits. As conveyance of all or part of the Norwood site has been contemplated, the permit operating plan will include a condition that in the event the ownership of the permit area changes during the term of the authorization, the improvements will be relocated and the site restored by the permit holder at their expense within a reasonable time. The permit area is described as an area of land 40 feet by 20 feet, equaling 0.02 acre. Annual land use fees will continue to be waived per federal regulation at 36 CFR 251.57(b)(1).

#### Seismic Research Stations – U.S. Geological Survey

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in cooperation with the University of Washington, operates two remote seismograph stations that have been in place for over 20 years and provide for long-term remote monitoring of seismic activity. The most recent permit was issued in 1998 and expired on July 1, 2013. The two stations are described as follows:

Hoodsport Seismograph Station (Site Identifier HDW)  
NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 22, T25N R3W, W.M., Mason County  
Coordinates 47.64850° North, 123.05422° West  
Elevation 3,300 feet

Bonidu Creek Seismograph Station (Site Identifier OBC)  
SW1/4 NE1/4 Section 11, T29N R11W, W.M., Clallam County

Coordinates 48.03531° North, 124.07750° West  
Elevation 3,077 feet

The stations each consist of two seismometers, one buried in a plastic tub and a second buried directly in the ground a short distance from the first. A guyed 8-foot metal pipe supports an antenna and two small solar panels. An auxiliary equipment box contains a low power VHF radio transmitter and batteries to provide backup power if the solar panel does not provide sufficient power for station operation. Each station occupies an area of approximately 100 square feet. Station maintenance consists of a visit to the site every 2 to 3 years between June and October to replace batteries and ensure that the solar panel is functioning properly.

In addition, USGS operates and maintains an earthquake recording station at the Forest Service's Quinalt Ranger Station at 353 South Shore Road, Quinalt, WA. The instrument is a self-contained battery-powered electronic unit capable of transmitting and recording seismic data. It is located in the ground floor computer room in the southeast corner of the building.

Issuance of a standard special use permit (FS-2700-4) is planned, with a term of 20 years. No changes in authorized operations or facilities are proposed, and the U.S. Geological Survey is in compliance with the terms of its past permit. Annual land use fees will continue to be waived per federal regulation at 36 CFR 251.57 (c).

#### Private Road (Driveway) – Bob and Donna Steinbrugge

The driveway that serves the Steinbrugge's property in Section 1, Township 25 North, Range 3 West has been authorized by a private road special use permit since 1997. The road is located in the SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 1, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, W.M., Jefferson County. The most recent permit was issued in 2001 and expired on December 31, 2010.

The driveway leaves the Duckabush Road (FS Road 2510) across from the Interrorem Cabin, and extends about 900 feet west through National Forest System land, where it enters private land. The gravel-surfaced roadway is about 12 feet wide, and the permit area is described as a strip of land 15 feet by 900 feet, equalling 0.31 acre. The site is flat, stable, and well-drained, and has been maintained for frequent use.

Issuance of a Private Road special use permit (FS-2700-4C) is planned, with a term of 20 years. No changes in authorized operations or facilities are proposed, and the permit holder is in compliance with the terms of the past permit. Annual land use fees will be assessed based on the Regional fee schedule for linear rights-of-way.

#### Private Road (Driveway) – Charles and Wanda Collins

The driveway that serves the Collins' property at 5184 U.S. Highway 101 has been authorized by a private road special use permit since 1984. The road is located in the NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 24, Township 24 North, Range 10 West, W.M., Grays Harbor County. The most recent permit was issued in 2005 and expired on December 31, 2014.

The driveway leaves U.S. Highway 101 approximately two miles south of Neilton, and extends about 295 feet east through National Forest land, where it enters private land. The gravel-surfaced roadway is about 15 feet wide, and the permit area is described as a strip of land 25 feet by 295 feet, equalling 0.17 acre. The road is flat, stable, and well-drained, has been maintained for frequent use.

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#### Private Road (Logging Spur) – Green Diamond Resource Company

A road that serves Green Diamond Resource Company's property in Sections 25 and 36, Township 22 North, Range 9 West has been authorized by a private road special use permit since 1995. The road is located in the SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, W.M., Grays Harbor County. The most recent permit was issued in 2005 and expired on December 31, 2014.

The road leaves Forest Service Road 2204 at milepost 2.6 and extends about 750 feet west through National Forest System land, where it enters private land. The gravel-surfaced roadway is about 15 feet wide, and the permit area is described as a strip of land 30 feet by 750 feet, equalling 0.52 acre. The site is flat, stable, and well-drained, and native vegetation has returned on the road perimeter.

Issuance of a Private Road special use permit (FS-2700-4C) is planned, with a term of 20 years. No changes in authorized operations or facilities are proposed, and the permit holder is in compliance with the terms of the past permit. This action authorizes only the continued presence of the existing road segment that currently crosses National Forest System lands. Any future requests for commercial use of this road segment for timber or rock haul, or for construction of new road segments, will be analyzed separately. Annual land use fees will be assessed based on the Regional fee schedule for linear rights-of-way.

#### Private Roads (Logging Spurs) – Rayonier, Inc.

The United States owns a road corridor 100 feet in width encompassing FS Road 2200-100, also known as the O'Brien Creek Road and Rayonier Road 7930, as it passes through private lands outside the administrative boundary of Olympic National Forest. Rayonier has been authorized since 1993 to use and maintain 15 short road segments that cross the road corridor to reach private lands. The most recent permit was issued in 2005 and will expire on December 31, 2015. The road segments are located in Sections 8, 17, and 20 of Township 21 North, Range 9 West, W.M., Grays Harbor County, WA. These road segments, each approximately 25 feet in length and 50 feet in width, have a combined total length of 0.07 miles and a combined acreage of 0.43 acre.

Issuance of a Private Road special use permit (FS-2700-4C) is planned, with a term of 20 years. No changes in authorized operations or facilities are proposed, and the permit holder is in

compliance with the terms of the current permit. This action authorizes only the continued presence of the existing road segments that currently cross National Forest System lands. Any future requests for commercial use of the road segments for timber or rock haul, or for construction of new road segments, will be analyzed separately. Annual land use fees will be assessed based on the Regional fee schedule for linear rights-of-way.

#### Private Road and Waterline –Mertes Peterson

The use of National Forest System land for a water transmission line and private road that serve the Peterson property has been authorized by special use permit since 1987. The water transmission line and private road are located in Section 14, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, W.M., Jefferson County, WA. The most recent permit was issued in 1987 and expired on December 31, 1996. Single-family domestic use of the water system and road has continued from the time of permit expiration to the present.

The permit areas are described as: a strip of land 5 feet wide and 1,700 feet long (0.2 acre) on which the water transmission line is located; a strip of land 20 feet wide and 60 feet long (0.03 acre) on which a portion of the Peterson residence is located; a strip of land 10 feet wide and 50 feet long (0.01 acre) on which a powerline is located; and a strip of land 15 feet wide and 160 feet long (0.05 acre) on which a single-lane driveway is located.

Issuance of two authorizations is planned: a special use permit (FS-2700-4) for the water transmission line, and a private road special use permit (FS-2700-4C) for the private road. Permit terms will be 20 years. No changes in authorized operations or facilities are proposed, and the holder is in compliance with the terms of the past permit. Annual fees will be assessed based on the Regional fee schedule for linear rights-of-way.

#### Public Waterline – Mason County Public Utility District #1

The use of National Forest System land for a water transmission line within the Forest Service's Hoodsport compound has been authorized by special use permit issued to Mason County Public Utility District #1 since 1998, and to Evergreen Land and Water prior to that. The water transmission line is located in Section 12, Township 22 North, Range 4 West, W.M., Mason County.

The most recent permit was issued in 1998 and expired on December 31, 2008. Community use of the water system has continued from the time of permit expiration to the present.

The water transmission line is buried beneath and adjacent to a paved road (Grove Street) and parking lot for a distance of 410 feet. The permit area is described as a strip of land 6 feet in width and 400 feet in length, equalling 0.06 acre.

Issuance of a standard special use permit (FS-2700-4) is planned, with a term of 20 years. No changes in authorized operations or facilities are proposed, and the holder is in compliance with the terms of the past permit. Annual fees will be assessed based on the Regional fee schedule for linear rights-of-way.

#### Private Waterline – David Christiansen

The use of National Forest System land for a water transmission line that serves the Christiansen property has been authorized by special use permit since 1989. The water transmission line is located in the NW1/4 Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 9 West, W.M., Grays Harbor County.

The most recent permit was issued in 2003 and expired on December 31, 2012. Single-family domestic use of the water system has continued from the time of permit expiration to the present. A surface water withdrawal permit issued by the State of Washington, Department of Ecology, is on file.

The existing improvements include a water transmission line of 2-inch plastic pipe laying on the ground surface lightly covered with vegetation, and an instream water intake consisting of a 5-gallon plastic bucket partially buried in a rock-reinforced pool. The length of the transmission line on National Forest System land is about 400 feet. The permit area is described as a strip of land 6 feet in width and 400 feet in length, equalling 0.06 acre.

Issuance of a standard special use permit (FS-2700-4) is planned, with a term of 10 years. No changes in authorized operations or facilities are proposed, and the holder is in compliance with the terms of the past permit. Annual fees will be assessed based on the Regional fee schedule for linear rights-of-way.

#### Private Waterline – CDR Ranch

The use of National Forest System land for a water transmission line that serves the CDR Ranch (also identified as the Dolores Fritz property) has been authorized by special use permit since before 1997. The water transmission line is located in the NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 3 West, Clallam County. The most recent permit was issued in 2000 and expired on December 31, 2010. A Permit to Appropriate Public Waters of the State of Washington dated December 18, 1942 is on file for this water withdrawal.

The existing improvements include a 6-foot concrete dam collection area, 1-1/2 inch diversion pipe, a settling box, a 6-foot by 6-foot concrete reservoir with screened wood cover, and a 3/4-inch galvanized water transmission line from an unnamed tributary to the Dungeness River to two private residences owned by the same family. The length of the transmission line on National Forest System land is about 1,700 feet. The permit area is described as a strip of land 6 feet in width and 1,700 feet in length, equalling 0.5 acre.

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